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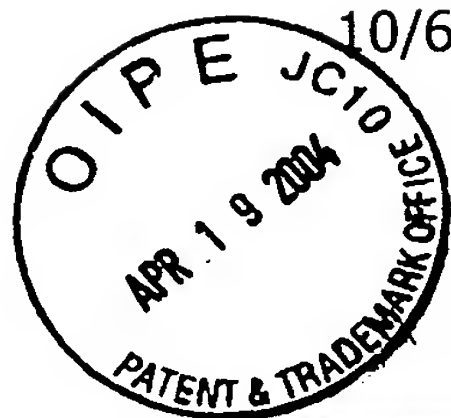
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For: WAFER, WAFER DICING SYSTEM,
AND METHOD OF DICING THE
WAFER

Group Art Unit: 2826

Examiner: Tan N. Tran

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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Dear Sir:

The Examiner required applicant to elect a single disclosed species. Applicant, however, is respectfully unclear as to the embodiments of the present invention that the Examiner believes are directed to different species.

"The species are preferably identified as the species of figures 1, 2, and 3 or the species of examples I, II, and III. In the absence of distinct figures or examples to identify the several species, the mechanical means, the particular material or other distinguishing characteristic of the species should be stated for each species identified." (See MPEP §809.02(a).) Applicant notes, however, that the Examiner did not identify any figures or examples from the 14 sheets of figures in the present application, or identify any mechanical means or other distinguishing characteristics.

Although claims are definitions of inventions and are never species (see MPEP §806.04(e)), MPEP §809.02(a) allows species to be grouped as claims if the species *cannot be conveniently identified*. However, applicant can not find, and the

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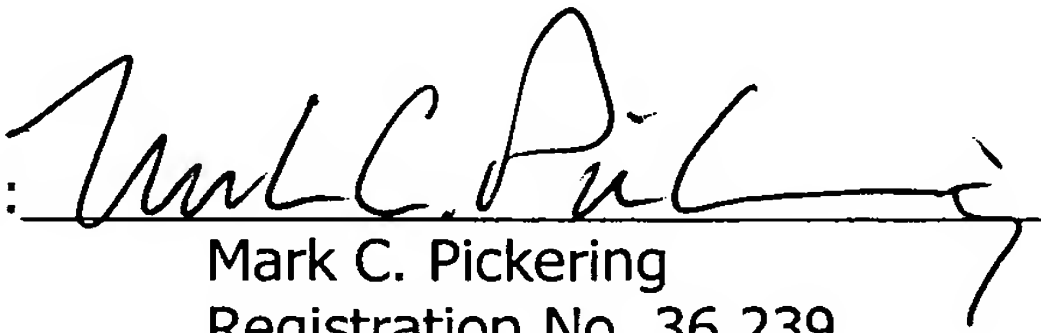
Examiner has not indicated, why any species cannot be conveniently identified from the 14 sheets of figures.

Further, assuming the Examiner believes that claims 1-17 are directed to a first species, and that claims 18-31 are directed to a second species, applicant notes that independent claims 1 and 18 both appear to read on the embodiment shown in applicant's FIG. 3. Thus, it does not appear that the groups of claims identified by the Examiner can be directed to two different species.

The Examiner indicated that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected. Since the Examiner does not appear to have identified two or more species, applicant can not identify an elected species without further direction from the Examiner, and requests that the present requirement be withdrawn. However, in an attempt to satisfy this requirement, applicant elects with traverse the claims 1-17 species that was identified by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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